

Project Team Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2009

In Attendance:

Richard Breen, City of Glenview
Aida Copic, Planning and Design Services
Jon Henney, GSP
Kathy Melvin, BIC

Dirk Gowin, Public Works
Felicia Harper, GSP
Meme Runyon, River Fields

Distributed: July 15, 2009 Project Team meeting minutes; Draft Vision Statement; Draft Goals and Objectives; Draft Enhancement Themes and Strategies

Jon H reminded the project team to review and make comments on Ted Grossart's Draft Report that was sent out to the project team a few weeks ago. Please review the document and send any comments to Jon H. He has already sent his comments to Ted for changes.

Richard stated that he was not able to open the document. Jon H will make the document into a PDF and distribute it to the project team. Jon would like the comments back to him by the end of next week.

Aida asked Jon how the document looked to him. Jon H stated that there were no surprises that he saw in the document. The document did not draw any major conclusions and it reaffirmed what the project team thought and showed the issues that we need to look closely at.

Jon H moved the discussion to the Monday night CAG meeting. He would like to start with the overall Vision and what we want accomplished during this meeting. The Vision is drawn from the Ohio River Master Plan but since this study area is more refined than all of River Road this will be a stand alone document from the Master Plan. There will be four statements that will focus on the intrinsic qualities and the 14 points of the FHWA. From the Vision statement we developed a series of Goals and Objectives.

The Goals that Jon presented are Safeguard What People Want; Tell the Stories of the Area; Make Way for Play and; Provide for a Safe and Pleasant Journey.

Richard B asked Jon if he wanted the project team to approve these today.

Jon H said no, this is just a working document for now. This is just a starting point but will be presented to the CAG on Monday.

Jon H stated that the Enhancement Themes and Strategies are broken down by Landscape Units.

Richard asked what does these strategies and actions mean in the Glenview Landscape Unit especially the one regarding access to important scenic viewpoints, historical or cultural sites, and other points of interest.

Jon H stated that this strategy is to understand the history of Glenview and for the public to know that there is a history there. This is about a unique view or an archeological feature that would be corridor wide and not specific to Glenview. In Glenview, it could be a marker, pull off, pamphlet or walking tours that would talk about the historic district of the Country Estates of River Road, etc. that would communicate to the public why Glenview is important. This would be on public land and not on private residences.

Richard Breen asked who wrote this statement. Jon H stated it was collaboration with Jones and Jones, GSP and Environs and reaffirmed that the statement was directed towards the corridor as a whole and the public ROW. Richard confirmed that Glenview would not support this statement and it should not be presented on Monday to the CAG. There is no public access to Country Estates because Glenview is a private area. The CAG would interpret this statement differently.

Jon H affirmed that the statement says “explore” and does not mean that this would be in the final study. The goal is to provide public access and this means having the public understanding the area as well as the physical area. The consultants always thought the community as a treasure and some people do not know what exists and the consultants would like to promote this unique treasure. Jon H stated that maybe using the word “access” is not the right word to use.

Jon H said that these documents are just a start and we are looking for feedback from the project team. Richard asked again whose idea was this. Jon H described the reasoning behind this strategy and action saying that there are a number of things that this statement represents. The main point is the importance of the historical and cultural resources and how do we make these accessible to the public.

Meme R would like to know if the historical resources assessment is done yet. Jon confirmed that we have the information but has not been broken up by landscape units as of today. He would like to reassure that not all historical or cultural locations are significant and not appropriate for public access.

Richard stated that if this is presented to the CAG he would object. Jon H stated that these documents are drafts and are intended to get dialogue started.

Meme believes that there is a serious professional concern that there was no time to given to the project team to review these documents right before the meeting. It was reaffirmed by the project team that there was not enough time given to them to review these documents.

Jon H stated that there must be a misunderstanding on what the CAG role is on this project. He does not believe that we should take the finish product to them, they are intended to pick apart and help produce the documents.

Meme wanted to remind Jon that the project team should have input on all work products first. The Project Team should review the document than it should be taken to the CAG members. The CAG members should have the final say on the final documents. It is important to let the CAG members know that they are an important part of this process.

Richard B asked if any meetings we had conducted has the public discussed that they would like a trail on their private property.

Dirk suggested that he would like to see lights on a pedestrian crossing to Harrod's Creek. Meme stated that he would like lights along the historical landscape on the other side of the creek.

Meme suggested that we take a look at the vision statement so we have something to discuss at the CAG meeting on Monday. She also suggested that we hold all project team meetings at least a week before the future CAG meetings. She also recommended that we do not use the word access or accessible because this word can mean different thing to different people.

Dirk reminded the Project Team that the Ohio River Corridor Master Plan discussed access. Meme agreed that the master plan did suggest that the river is “for the people” and discusses access to the river.

Richard stated that he thinks we should focus on the Vision Statement on Monday night. Jon's only concern is that if we spend the whole time on Vision statement that we will not have another opportunity to discuss the

Goals and Objectives with the CAG members. Jon suggested that we discuss both the Vision statement and Goals and Objectives.

A discussion on the Vision statement started with Aida mentioning that the vision statement should include the Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan somewhere in the description.

Richard B said a broadly written Vision statement would be the best idea for the CAG meeting on Monday. Dirk agreed that a much simpler Vision statement would be good.

Jon H stated that the part of the struggle is people thinking about their own interests. The problem if we have this process we will end up with 10+ CAG meetings. Another problem we have is getting documents back in a timely fashion from the project team and consultants.

Kathy asked to describe what a Vision statement is and stated that we should tell the CAG members that we want meaningful input from them and need to help them to understand it will be more beneficial. Meme stated that a Vision statement is an important document and we should focus on this.

Jon H reminded the project team that the Vision statement is going by the 14 points of the Federal Highway Administration. We realize that the public input is very important but we should be addressing the 14 points to balance it. Meme agreed that we need to find a good balance between the 14 points and the public comments. We should do some shared thinking on this topic and with Ted Grossart's outcome of the public survey.

Aida believes that there should be two sentences for the Vision statement. We should focus on the scenic byway, history, transportation, history, character and function.

We need to look at the big picture for more concrete goals. Look at the unified value of the corridor because everyone thinks that it should be protected.

Jon H said that for the CAG meeting on Monday we will discuss the Vision statement and Goals and Objectives. The CAG members will discuss the Vision statement as presented at this meeting with a few minor changes. Hopefully the CAG members will get to discuss the Goals and Objectives since we do have another CAG meeting until October.

The meeting was than adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felicia Harper